



Oregon State Interoperability Executive Council

Meeting minutes for January 9, 2007

Members present:

Jeff Johnson, Kristi Wilde, Rock Rakosi, Clark Seely, Sean McSpaden, Ken Murphy, Kathy George, John Koreski, Russ Burger, Grant Higginson, Peter Spirup

Staff Members:

Mike Zanon, Vickie Warner, Ben Garvey, Thomas Dunbar, Steve Noel

Other interested parties:

Tom Clemo, Mike Duyck, Randy Ruger, Paul Pedersen, Jamie Terbeest, Peter Spirup, Rick Hinthorne, Rod Ashmore, Eulus Newton, Rob Reish, Jim Switzer, Nancy Jesuale, Kit Eldredge, Jim Walz, Mike Smith, Craig Campbell, Marshall McKillip, Kristin Chaffee, John Murray, Betsy Hammond, Tripp Robinson, Richard Krikava, Elizabeth Morgan, Jerry Martin, Pierre Jones

Chair Johnson opens with a review of membership and voting rules. Only voting membership may act on motions and vote on motions.

Chair Johnson calls the meeting to order asking for a motion to accept last months meeting minutes.

Motion: *Rock Rakosi moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2006 meeting*

Second: *Motion seconded Sean McSpaden*

Discussion: *None*

Passed.

Chair's Report:

Chair Johnson reported on the SAFECOM meeting he attended last month in San Diego. SAFECOM is a division on the federal Dept. of Homeland Security that is charged with promoting interoperability. Chair Johnson and Don Pfohl were able to elevate the importance of and need for SAFECOM to develop a nationwide interoperability plan that states could develop their plans around.

Chair Johnson updated the SIEC on the recent 555 Committee interoperability training which took place in Salem in December.

Chair Johnson thanked Marla Rae and Steve Marks for the exceptional work and commitment to the SIEC and the OWIN project. Marla and Steve will continue to support the SIEC's efforts by facilitating the outreach and education function of the 555 Committee.

Update from Senator Gordon Smith's office: Richard Krikava

Mr. Krikava reported on federal legislation related to interoperability. Congress is supporting the "Call Home Act of 2006" adding an interoperability section. Dept. of Commerce working with Dept. of Homeland Security will award no less than \$1 billion for public safety

interoperability by the end of September 2007. (Handout) Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 section 3006(c) Public Safety interoperable communications – condition of grants (not less than 20 percent of the costs from non-Federal sources). At this time there is no guidance and application requirements are unknown. Mr. Krikava mentioned the importance of identifying key contacts within the federal government to track this as it is released. Mike mentioned Jim Downes with the Dept. of Homeland Security. HR1 proposes a 911 communications interoperability section and the funds to accomplish the goals. It looks as if the Senate will not pass, but the House will.

OWIN Director's Report:

Mike thanks all for their review of and comments on the Business Case submitted by FE.

Mike gave an update on legislative activities, beginning with OWIN interaction with Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology (JLCIMT). OWIN met with JLCIMT six times since November 2005. Being an interim committee, the JLCIMT does not function during the session and former JLCIMT members are not necessarily serving on committees that will review the OWIN project. Mike is looking for connections SIEC members and others may have with key legislators so we may educate them about OWIN. The work has just begun as key legislators are identified and educated on OWIN.

Mike continues to meet weekly with the OWIN Executive Team comprised of Joe O'Leary, Chief Johnson, Mike Marsh (ODOT), Clark Seely, and Lindsay Ball. Information gathering continues on the cost difference of OWIN as an independent agency vs maintaining the current structure within State Police.

Mike has also initiated out reach with the health care/emergency services community. Initial meetings with Grant Higginson, Ann Steeves, Elizabeth Morgan, and John Jui have led to a strategy to continue this outreach with key stakeholders in this community of interest.

Technical Committee Report – Sean McSpaden

The Technical Committee met this morning before the SIEC to talk about the “What If/Why Not” questions. Forty one of the 75 questions have been answered and will be distributed next week to the Executive Committee. The list of 75 questions will be used to provide answers to commonly asked questions.

The Technical Committee will work over the next month to develop a draft Interoperability Channel Management Interference Plan.

The committee has been working to complete the Short Term Physical Plant Guidelines and asks the SIEC for approval. Chair Johnson asks for a motion to adopt the Short Term Physical Plant Guidelines developed by the Technical Committee.

Motion: *Kristi Wilde made a motion to adopt the Short Term Physical Plant Guidelines*

Second: *Rock Rakosi seconded the motion*

Discussion: *Mike Z. asked about use of Fuel Cell Technology and a pilot to implement their use at selected OWIN sites. Sean reminded all these are NOT requirements from OWIN or the SIEC, but “guidelines”. They are not all inclusive and the document will change over time. Clark asked if the SIEC will look at versions as adjustments are being made. Sean indicated all future versions will come back to the SIEC.*

Passes.

Partnership Committee Report – Russ Burger

This is Sheriff Burger's first opportunity to report to the SIEC as chair of the Partnership Committee. The committee did not meet this month. A meeting is planned for next month.

Chief Johnson mentioned Sheriff Swinyard's retirement gathering and a fond farewell to the former committee chair.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Kristi Wilde

Kristi thanked and acknowledged Marla Rae for her contributions to the Strategic Planning Committee. And thanked both Steve Marks and Marla for all their help.

The Strategic group met with core group of Technical Committee. The Interoperability Frequency Plan was given to the Technical Committee who is working on it this month and will bring something to the SIEC at the next meeting. Technical Committee action is from PA-08-2006.

Finance Committee Report – Clark Seely

Clark offered thanks to Steve Marks for his contributions to the committee.

The Finance Committee did not meet this month.

Clark mentioned meeting with BLM and Forest Service. They are interested in doing what we are doing within their own system – interoperability between agencies. Partnership with BLM and Forest Service opens opportunities for OWIN, via systems and federal frequencies. In partnership, possibility of break down permitting issues on Federal Lands.

Jeff Johnson gives credit to Clark for working with the US Forest Service and BLM.

Federal Engineering (FE) Report – John Murray

John reports FE is continuing to work on RFP's for infrastructure, towers etc. FE met with representatives from all the different agencies to help incorporate issues or options to build in, which may have been overlooked, forgotten or missed. The draft RFP's may be used individually or combined and should be complete by the end of January 2007.

FE reports they received lots of feedback on the Business Case. They found the feedback to have good suggestions and will send it back to Mike by the end of the week.

Final copy of the Business Case is to be sent out to SIEC members and posted to the website.

Open Discussion/Questions

Homeland Security – Technical Capabilities Assessment Workshop next week. For information, contact Carmen Merlo or Ken Murphy.

Sean asked about a voluntary moratorium on Interoperability Channels until a plan is in place. Kristi will ask the Strategic and Partnership Committees to work on this.

Legislative Advocates can be found in all Public Safety Associations. Representatives from private industry, such as Motorola, MA/COM and cellular providers are also good advocates.

Motion: *Rock Rakosi makes motion to adjourn the meeting*

Second: *Clark Seely seconds motion*

Discussion: *None*

Passes.

*Next meeting of the SIEC
February 13, 2007 ~ 1 – 3pm
Anderson Readiness Center, rm 114*